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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Christoph Dorr  
Serial No. : 09/554,025  
Filing Date : May 8, 2000  
For : BALL-AND-SOCKET METHOD  
Group Art Unit : 3629  
Examiner : E. Garcia  
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(EHR)4846  
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**PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests a one (1) month extension of the period for response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2001. The response date set in the Office Action was November 2, 2001. A response is being filed herewith today, November 30, 2001 which is within the first month after the response date. A check is enclosed in the amount of \$110.00, which is the fee required for a one month extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by one (1) month so that the response file herewith will be considered timely filed.

Grant  
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Respectfully submitted,

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